



Los Angeles County Regional Park And Open Space District

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The Honorable Board of Directors
Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Directors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

1-P September 15, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**APPROVE AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN OF EXPENDITURE OF UNSPENT FUNDS FOR THE SAFE
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS PROPOSITION OF 1996 AND
ALLOCATE CITIES EXCESS FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO THE CITY OF LAWDALE FOR THE FRANK HOGAN PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT
(SECOND DISTRICT - 3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will reallocate an amount not to exceed \$175,000 in Specified Funds under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 and allocate and award an amount not to exceed \$98,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a total amount not to exceed \$273,000 to the City of Lawndale for general improvements at Frank Hogan Park.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the Board, as a responsible agency, adopted the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting on March 5th, 2013.
2. Approve an Alternative Plan of Expenditure for the City of Lawndale to fund its Frank Hogan Park Improvements Project by reallocating an amount not to exceed \$175,000 in Specified Funds originally allocated to the City of Lawndale under Section (3), Subsection (c), Paragraph (2), Item (DD) pursuant the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996.
3. Allocate Cities Excess Funds available the Second Supervisorial District, in an amount not to exceed \$98,000, to the City of Lawndale for its Frank Hogan Park Improvements Project.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant amendment in an amount not to exceed \$273,000, to the City of Lawndale when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the amendment as of the date of award and pursuant to guidelines in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise funds shall remain in the respective account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow the City of Lawndale (City) to utilize unspent Specified Funds of the Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition) by approving an Alternative Plan for Expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$175,000 in Specified Funds under Section 3(c)(2)(DD) to fund the Frank Hogan Park Improvements Project (Project).

Approval of the recommended actions will also allocate and award an amount not to exceed \$98,000 of Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the 1996 Proposition, to the City for the Project.

On March 5, 2013, the Board awarded \$250,000 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Second Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City for the Project. During the planning phase; however, the need for additional material and other costs were identified. As a result, an additional amount not to exceed \$273,000 is requested to supplement the existing grant.

The proposed Project involves general improvements to Frank Hogan Park in the City including the expansion of the Hogan Tot Lot to add open space and picnic amenities.

It is also recommended that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant amendment when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the projects and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the projects, if applicable, and to administer the amendment pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by your Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions further your Board's approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) by providing recreational activities in the Second Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant amendment in an amount not to exceed \$273,000 is budgeted in RPOSD's Assessment and Excess Project Fund, HB4 and HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe

Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. The City has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended Excess Funds grants would be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Second Supervisorial District for Cities Projects.
Specified Funds - 1996 Proposition

Under the provisions of Section (5), Subsection (e), of the 1996 Proposition an alternative plan for expenditure must be submitted and approved to commit the funds allocated to specified projects between June 30, 2003, and June 30, 2004. As of July 1, 2004, uncommitted specified project funds are subject to allocation to other projects by your Board.

If the Board does not approve the City's requests, the City may either expend the funds for the uses originally specified, request the Board's approval to fund different projects with the funds, or relinquish its claim to the funds.

On June 2, 2009, your Board approved the Procedural Guide to govern the administration of RPOSD grants. The Procedural Guide will appropriately govern the administration of the recommended additional grants as well.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On March 5, 2013, the Board as a responsible agency adopted the City's Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Grant Project Agreements will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009. The Grant Project Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD. The recommended projects will promote healthy activities in public spaces in the Second Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this action to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The Honorable Board of Directors

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Russ Guiney", with a stylized flourish at the end.

RUSS GUINEY

Director

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c: Interim Chief Executive Officer
Interim County Counsel
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors